The UPA administration will take all measures to reconcile the objectives of economic growth and environmental conservation, particularly as far as tribal communities dependent on forests are concerned.

Eviction of tribal communities and other forest-dwelling communities from forest areas will be discontinued. Cooperation of these communities will be sought for protecting forests and for undertaking social afforestation.

To fulfil these commitments the Government enacted the *Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act,* 2006. The rules framed under this Act have also been notified recently. The Act and the Rules are meant for recognition and vesting of forest rights in the forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers. The major rights that are granted under the Act include, the right, to cultivate forest land to the extent under occupation, the right to own, collect, use and dispose of minor forest produce, rights inside forests like grazing etc. which are traditional and customary. The Act enjoins upon these beneficiaries the duties for protecting wild life, forest and their bio-diversity also.

The Ministry is also implementing a number of development programmes both in the Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Sector for the welfare and upliftment of Scheduled Tribes and for the development of the areas where Scheduled Tribes reside.

Incentives to voluntary organisations in Chhattisgarh

f 1845. SHRI SHREEGOPAL WAS: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

the details of incentives given to voluntary organizations promoted in Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

whether utilization certificate is demanded from them; and

the status of receipt of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Nil.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Incentives and Commissions **to Corporations**

1846. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether Government has no dearth of resources to shower incentives and concessions on national and multinational corporations worth lakhs of crores;

if so, the details thereof;

whether Government is showing apathy to poor children and women on the pretext of lack of financial resources, to universalize the scheme of ICDS; and

if so, the reasons therefor?

tOriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.